

### **Solicitation No. N02-PC-15010-13 Amendment #3**

OFFICE OF ACQUISITIONS  
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER: N02-PC-15010-13

Amendment No.: 3

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The above numbered Request For Proposal (RFP) is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offerors remains unchanged: Monday, May 23, 2011 at 4:00pm Eastern Time.

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the RFP and Amendment number(s). For your convenience, the Proposal Intent Response Form is provided in SECTION J - List of Attachments of this RFP, for this purpose.

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This Amendment revises the RFP as stated below:

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the RFP and Amendment number(s). For your convenience, the Proposal Intent Response Form is provided in SECTION J - List of Attachments of this RFP, for this purpose.

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This Amendment addresses the submitted questions stated below:

1. If an American company is the Prime Contractor, is it acceptable for a subcontractor to be a non-U.S. company?

**RESPONSE: Yes, it is acceptable for a subcontractor to be a non-U.S. company. For further information, please contact your local Small Business Association (SBA). Also, procurement technical assistance may be found at the Procurement Technical Assistance Center; please refer to: <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/>.**

2. Is it acceptable for two small businesses to enter into a joint collaboration for a total small business set aside? Would it be acceptable to have a subcontractor do a portion of the work?

**RESPONSE: Yes, it is acceptable for two or more small businesses to enter into a teaming arrangement and propose on an RFP. There is a limitation on subcontracting clause to adhere to so the prime Contractor will need to demonstrate they are performing within the regulations. Yes, two small businesses may also form a joint venture & propose on the RFP. In that situation, both parties must be considered small under the project NAICS. A joint venture must be approved by the SBA. For further information, please contact your local Small Business Association (SBA). Also, procurement technical assistance may be found at the Procurement Technical Assistance Center; please refer to: <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/>.**

3. If a Contractor wishes instead to be a subcontractor, does a non-U.S. Company qualify to be the prime?

**RESPONSE: No, a company that does not operate in the United States would not qualify as a Prime Contractor. Per FAR Part 19.001, "a Small Business "Concern" means any business entity organized for profit (even if its ownership is in the hands of a nonprofit entity) with a place of business located in the United States or its outlying areas and that makes a significant contribution to the U.S. economy through payment of taxes and/or use of American products, material and/or labor, etc." For further information, please contact your local Small Business Association (SBA). Also, procurement technical assistance may be found at the Procurement Technical Assistance Center; please refer to: <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/>.**

4. Would the Government consider a solution that includes licensed software?

**RESPONSE: The Government is interested in providing applications that would be freely available to anyone with a desire to use the application. This would generally preclude the inclusion of licensed software unless both the right to distribute without any additional costs or qualifications and the underlying source code were provided.**

5. Are the registries population-based cancer registries or hospital cancer registries?

**RESPONSE: The SEER registries are population-based central registries. The list of SEER registries can be found at: <http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/list.html>.**